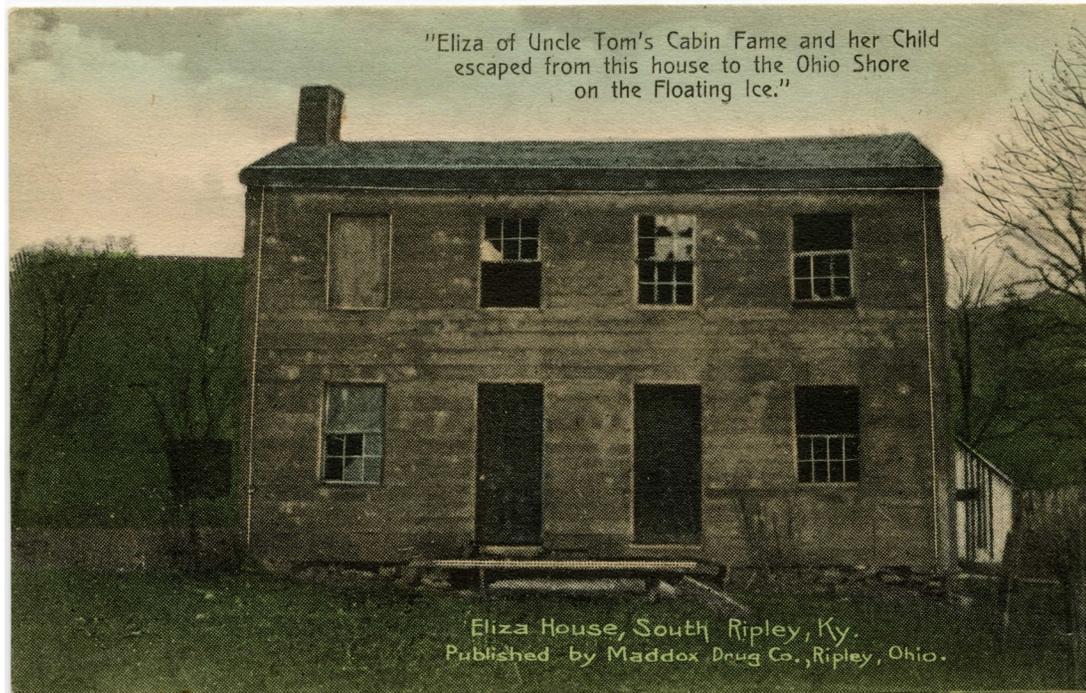


# A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



*The story of Eliza's escape was so embedded in U.S. culture that more than six decades after publication of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" it still captured people's interest. This postcard dates from the early 20th century. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Postcard Collection, Graphic5\_Box15\_506.*

## MASON COUNTY: DARING SLAVE ESCAPE

Writer Harriet Beecher Stowe immortalized in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" a tale she heard of a slave who made a daring escape to freedom from South Ripley by crossing a thawing ice sheet in the Ohio River while carrying her child. Once across the river and in Ohio, the fleeing woman found her way to the home of John Rankin, a Presbyterian minister, abolitionist and conductor on the Underground Railroad. His home now is a museum and national historic landmark.



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